

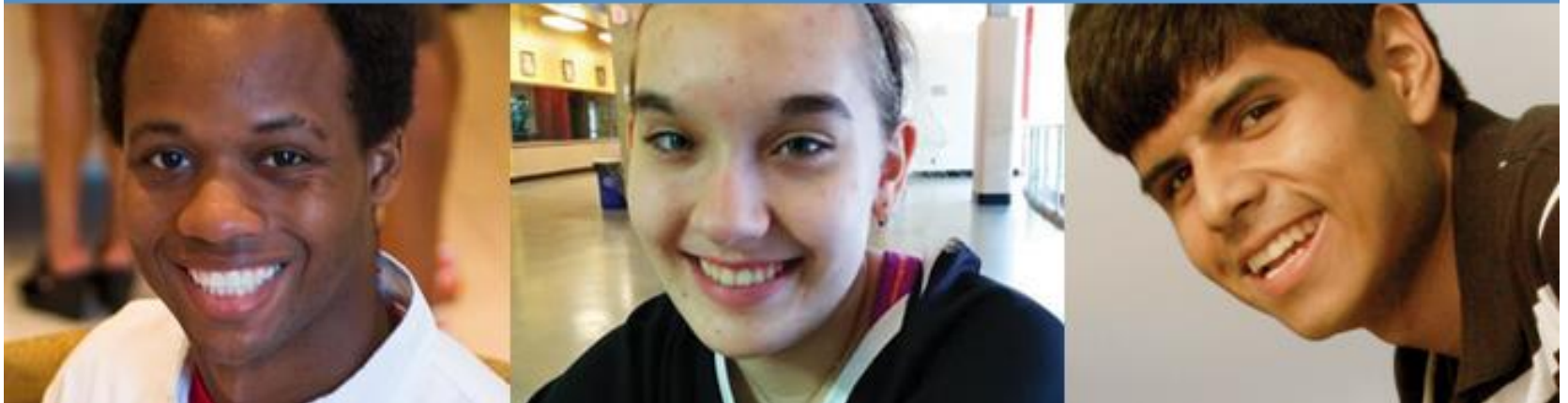


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Autism Speaks is enhancing lives today and accelerating a spectrum of solutions for tomorrow.



# OUR MISSION

Autism Speaks is dedicated to promoting solutions,  
**across the spectrum and throughout the life span,**  
for the needs of individuals with autism and their families.

We do this through advocacy and support; increasing understanding and acceptance of autism spectrum disorder; and advancing research into causes and better interventions for autism spectrum disorder and related conditions.

# MISSION OBJECTIVES



Increase understanding and acceptance



Be a catalyst for life-enhancing research breakthroughs



Increase timely screening and decrease time between diagnosis and intervention



Improve transition to adulthood



Improve access to reliable information and referrals

**Be a catalyst for life enhancing research breakthroughs** by:

Increasing funding for autism research;

Ensuring that the Precision Medicine Initiative focuses on autism; and

Urging the FDA to develop patient-focused treatments for autism.

**Increase timely developmental screening and decrease time from diagnosis to intervention** by:

Ensuring that individuals with autism have access to the healthcare they need irrespective of payer (Medicaid, etc.);

Maintaining coverage for autism treatments and addressing gaps in coverage.

# 2017 ADVOCACY PRIORITIES



# 2017 ADVOCACY PRIORITIES CONT'D

## **Improve outcomes for individuals across the spectrum** by:

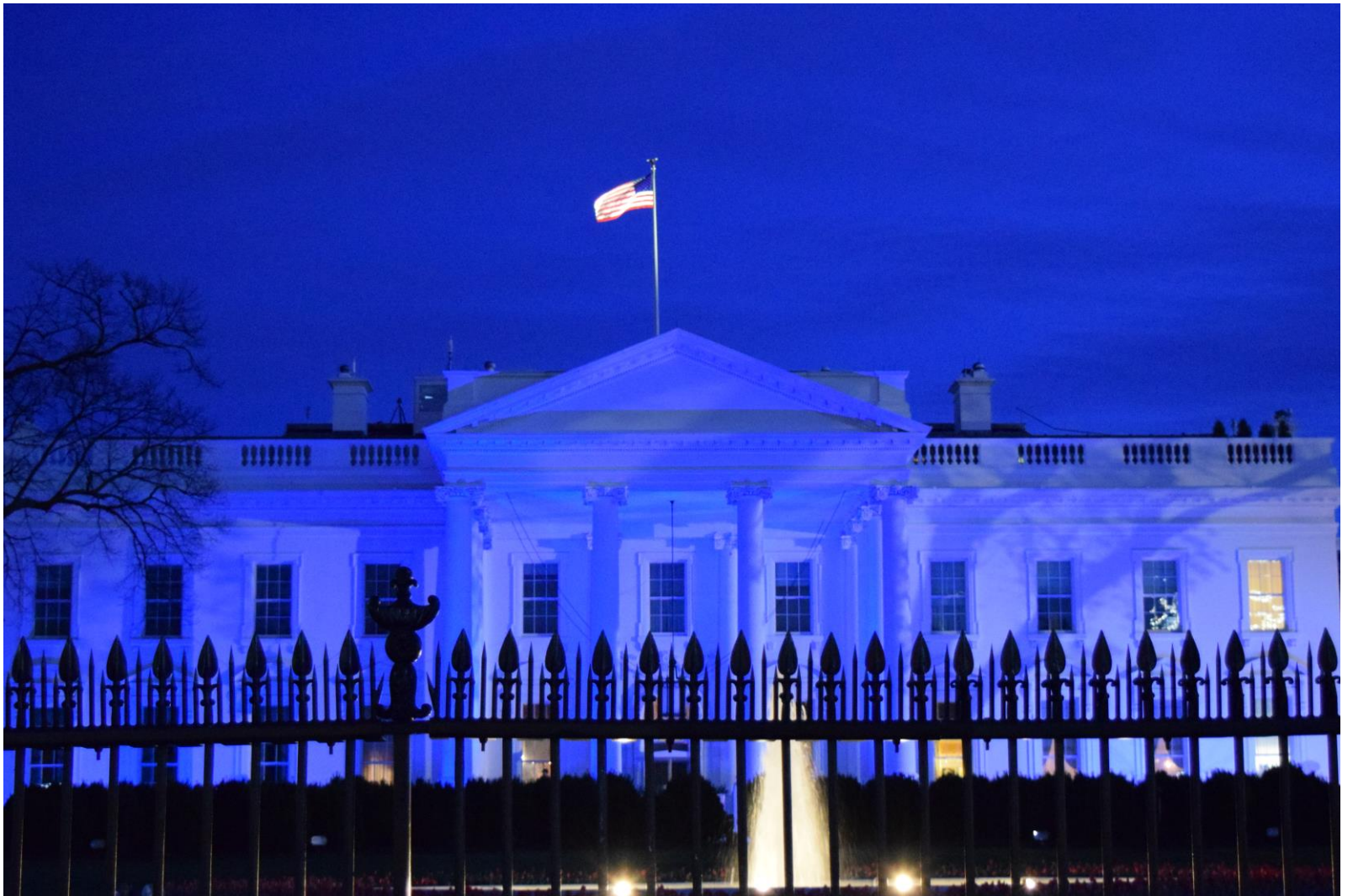
Increasing access to HCBS and ensure that individuals with autism have individualized, meaningful community supports, including those that incentivize work;

Making ABLE accounts widely available;

Making Career and Technology Education more accessible and improve coordination across education, vocational rehabilitation, CTE and other programs so that individuals have meaningful services, training and supports to help them achieve positive outcomes in adulthood;

Increasing the availability and accessibility of high-quality, post-secondary education options; and

Creating support for safety resources.



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